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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 6, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of copending US Patent Application Serial Number 09/495,847, filed on February 1, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.